

City of Gainesville

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Legislation Text

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Contract for Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite Purchases for City Swimming Pools (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to 1) authorize the City Manager (or designee) to award the bid to Hawkins, Inc. for purchase and delivery of liquid chlorine for the City's swimming pools and splash pads in the amount of \$122,040 over the first two years of the contract, and 2) authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute any related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department manages the City's three public swimming pools and adjacent splash pads, which utilize sodium hypochlorite (liquid chlorine) as a sanitizing/disinfectant agent. Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool and H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool are now open year-round and Andrew R. Mickle, Sr. Pool at T.B. McPherson Park is in use for about half the year, so PRCA averages 54,000-56,000 gallons of liquid chlorine annually.

An Invitation to Bid for the contract for sodium hypochlorite was issued on March 5, 2019, and two bids were received. Both bids were deemed non-responsive, and a subsequent re-bid was posted on June 3, 2019. Two bids were received, only one of which was deemed responsive and responsible. The bid requested pricing on a per-gallon basis for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite. Based on their ability to meet all material requirements of the specifications and the competitive price of the bid, PRCA is requesting approval to award the bid to and execute a contract with Hawkins, Inc. to purchase sodium hypochlorite at a price of \$1.13 per gallon. Bids were reviewed and rank ordered on July 3, 2019. Notice of Intent to Award was posted on July 26, 2019.

The new contract will begin October 1, 2019 and continue through September 30, 2021, with an option to renew for up to three 12-month periods.

Hawkins, Inc. will charge \$1.13 per gallon for liquid sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) 12.5% solution. Based on the average estimated use of 54,000 gallons per year, the City would pay approximately \$61,020 annually or \$122,040 over the first two years of the contract. Funds have been allocated in the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department's general fund budget to cover this cost.

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